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SINGING FOR FOOD

Marcie Epperson

Rock on brother Evan: Mobile Soul entertains students on the patio last Monday. The concert was held at lunch to kick off Project Second Wind.

Principal's projection: 40 students per class

BY BRIAN SIMMONDS

Due to another round of budget reductions, average class size could jump to 40 students next year, according to projections released by Principal Velma Johnson. They are based on what she calls the "best case scenario."

"This should be viewed as an estimate only," cautioned Johnson, "We must wait for the legislators final decision and work through the budget process before we have definitive numbers."

The projection is that Lincoln would only lose 7. 75 FTE, the number that was bought back for this year following contributions from county and city government, businesses, and individuals last spring and summer.

"The figures are disheartening," said ASB Vice President Jason Franklin. "But what is worse is that no one cares about it any more."

If all teachers were required to teach six classes, instead of the current standard of five, the projections estimate an average of 34 students would be in each class.

This year, teaching six classes is optional, and only seven staff members have volunteered to do so.

Additionally, a faculty poll conducted Monday by the Bell Schedule Committee found that 73 percent oppose this change.

The class-size forecast is based upon district estimates, which assume the state's adoption of Gov. John Kitzhaber's "investment budget."

However, there are other budget budget proposals that would allocate less money to education.

Principal Velma Johnson estimates that Lincoln will lose 7.75 FTE

Page leaves Lincoln after 9 years

Two replacements take over for the vice-principal

BY ADAM SMITH

Larry Dashiell has become Lincoln's acting curriculum vice principal, following Sandra Page's mid-year retirement. With 20 years teaching and administrative work behind him, Dashiell replaces Page, who said her final good bye to Lincoln last Friday to join her husband, Rodney in New York City.

Taking her retirement after 30 years in the district, Page hopes to spend more time with her husband who serves as the assistant general secretary of the National Council of Churches. He has been working in New York since fall, and Mrs. Page is looking forward to seeing him.

The students and teachers who Page so often called the "Lincoln family" are equally sorry to see her go. "She was always so nice—always smiling in the halls and ready to help," said senior Brandon McFadden.

Faculty and administrators echoed the sentiment. "Mrs. Page has left some big shoes to fill," said Principal Velma Johnson, at the annual Project Second Wind assembly, "but I'm sure Mr. Dashiell will do well." Helping Dashiell fill those shoes will be Mr. Bruce Richards, a former Lincoln vice principal, who will concentrate on structuring the master schedule for next year.

For profiles on Page, Dashiell and Richards, please turn to page 8.

Marcie Epperson

Farewell: The Lincoln Cardinal gives vice principal Sandra Page a Lincoln blanket the Project Second Wind assembly Feb.28

Talks begin for scheduling

Three proposals are under consideration for next year's bell arrangement

BY AARON GREEN

To block or not to block? That is the question facing staff members as they formulate a new bell schedule for next year. Planning began with teacher polling last Monday and a meeting by the Bell Schedule Committee last Wednesday.

Teachers were asked about their support of various possible components of the new schedule. Of 52 teachers polled, 21 supported partial block while 15 supported a full block and 16 supported a traditional schedule.

The Executive Council made its position known through a letter presented at a March 3 faculty meeting. It advocated a continuation of this year's partial block schedule, saying, "The present system makes in-depth discussion and concentration on the individual subject areas possible."

While many students agreed with the council's suggestions, others wanted to see some changes. "Full block would be a good idea, because you don't have so many classes in a day and you have enough time to fully cover any subject," said Jason Johnson, junior.

Faculty members were concerned about end-of-the-year fatigue that many teachers and students are already experiencing. "People are as burnt-out as I've ever seen them; how much more burnt-out are they going to be next year with a bigger load?" asked social studies teacher Jack Curry.

A schedule will be decided by March 12.

WHAT

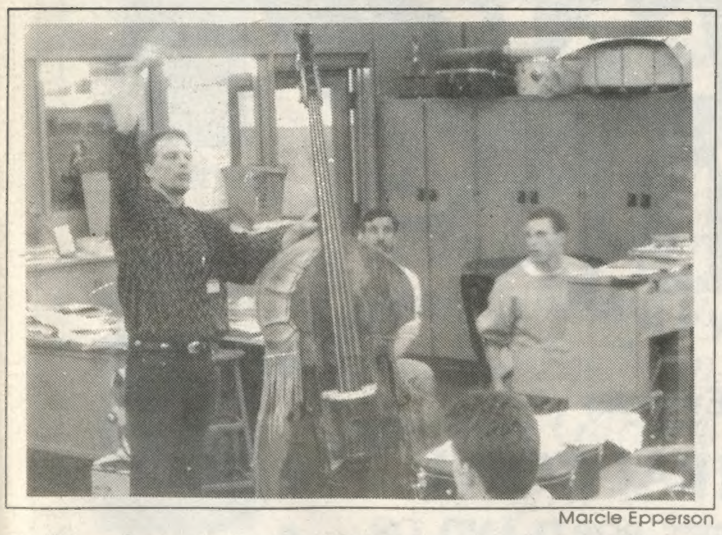
BELL SCHEDULE PROPOSALS

- Partial Block
- Full Block
- Traditional

WHEN

Decided by March 15

Reknowned bassist forms improv group



Marcie Epperson

Striking the note: Bassist Glen Moore, who has taught music worldwide, instructs a group of Lincoln musicians in the use of the bass.

BY BEN AMSTER

World-traveled jazz bassist Glen Moore has gathered a group of Lincoln students for a music discussion group that began meeting yesterday. The group will focus on learning new, more interesting styles of music not usually heard by high school students. They plan on starting this week, starting on Wednesday.

"I want to show students that you can still make beautiful music without exceeding high decibel levels," said Moore. "You don't need amplifiers to make noise." In the group students will discuss styles of music, write songs, and play instruments.

The students' positive response to the the bassist, who played with a poet at an invitational assembly Feb. 13, prompted him to form the group.

Moore sees this group as a way to counter the effect budget cuts have had on music in public schools.

He has taught groups all over the world, including classes in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. His band, Oregon, has played together for nearly two decades and has received two Grammy nominations.

His goal is educate students to enable them to teach others in the future. "My goal is to eventually have music become a major part of student's learning," he says, "and there is no better place to start than right here."

CARDINAL shorts

ROSE FESTIVAL 'PERSON'

Lincoln High School will not have a Rose Festival princess this year.

Students will, however, vote on a member of the Rose Festival Court of 1997 on March 18. To bring the terminology up to date, the terms "member of the court" and "court member" will be used, replacing the traditional "princess."

The candidates for Lincoln's court member include Katrina Norsworthy, Ali Kinney, Lin-Z Duncan, Adrian Williams, and Hoon-Jung Kim.

ASB CANDIDATE INCREASE

Due to the unprecedented number of candidates (5) for student body president, the ASB elections committee has decided to hold the first-ever presidential debate.

"The debate should allow voters to compare each candidate's ideas on the issues they want to see addressed," said committee chair, and current president Tawan Davis. The debate is scheduled for Monday, March 10 during lunch. Elections are the next day.

Election planners hit an obstacle Wednesday when their request for a 45 minute "D" schedule assembly was denied by principal Velma Johnson. At this point, the 22 candidates will speak in 28 minutes.

METAL DETECTORS REDUX ?

Metal detectors may soon appear on a randomly selected day as part of a program targeted at curbing the number of students who bring weapons to school, according to school district sources. The devices were used last year but not at Lincoln due to legal questions that were raised as to how long it was taking for students to get into schools, according to Portland Public Schools press liaison Lou Frederick. "The metal detectors are just one piece in a major puzzle," Frederick said. "Our best weapons detectors are kids — kids that turn in students that bring weapons because they don't want to get hurt."

NCTE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Juniors Rachel Berger and Megan Harris have been awarded the highest honor for essays by the National Council of Teachers and Educators.

To determine the winners each year, high schools nationwide select two nominees a piece by process of elimination. Teachers select candidates from their English classes, who are asked to write impromptu essays in an hour and fifteen minutes. After 20-25 candidates are selected, all essays are read by multiple teachers until the selections are narrowed down to two. These two students write another impromptu essay, which is submitted to the NCTE along with an additional piece of work chosen by the student.

This is the second year in a row that both Lincoln nominees have won. Last year, the winners were Matt Schwartz and Daniel Pollack-Pelzner.

CARDINAL dates

MARCH

7 •	Polyglot submission deadline
11 •	ASB Elections "B" schedule
12-15 •	State Specialty Dance & Drill Coliseum
18 •	Rose Festival Princess Selection "C" schedule
24-38 •	No school Spring Vacation

Project Second Wind donations lacking

BY JENNY MILLER

> *"If every student brought in eight pounds, we could reach our goal."*
>
> Miranda Weigler
> CO-CHAIRMAN OF PROJECT SECOND WIND

In the two-week can drive, which ends today, Lincoln's goal is to collect 12,500 pounds of food. Lincoln has teamed up with Grant High School in a competition to see which school can collect the most pounds per capita. As of yesterday, however, only 1607 pounds had been collected. Grant's goal is 17,000 pounds as it has more students than Lincoln. The collaborative goal for both schools is 30,000 pounds.

Students can bring cans to the table in the main hallway during school. Donations of money are also accepted; $1 counts as three pounds of food. Once collected, the cans are boxed and weighed by student council and picked up by the Oregon Food Bank.

"If every student brought in eight pounds, we could reach our goal," said Miranda Weigler, co-chairman of the project with Julia Morissey and Carrie Lacey-Krietz. "We're ahead of Grant."

The reg. room that brings in most food will win a cake from Marsee Baking. Individuals who donate 15 pounds or more, or the equivalent in dollars, will be entered in a raffle to win Blazer tickets and an assortment of prizes.

Marcie Epperson

Can it: Senior Amon Milner makes a donation while the Cardinal mascot tackles a Grant student.

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Speech team preps for NatQuals

BY BRIAN SIMMONDS

Debates on individual rights, juvenile crime, and the common good led to a sweepstakes victory for the speech team at the University of Oregon invitational tournament Feb. 20-22. The tournament, held in Eugene, attracted over 50 schools from four states.

Winning their events were senior Aaron Knott in senior division Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Speaker Awards, junior Vasiliki Ariston in junior division serious interpretation, and freshman Misha Isaak in junior LD Speaker Awards. Junior Rachel Berger also took second in open After-Dinner Speaking.

After this victory, 15 speech and debate members are preparing for the National Qualifying tournament next Thursday through Saturday. Last year, two Lincoln speakers qualified for the national speech competition. "We're hoping to qualify more this year due to a stronger team," said Knott.

Financial setbacks have created problems this year. The team curently finds itself unable to finance the remaining tournaments.

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PLAYING THE RATINGS GAME

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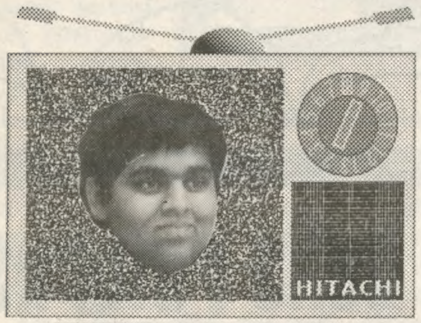
Give it some time

Simple ratings allow parents to make informed decisions without complications



WASIM RAHMAN

The TV ratings system, though created for a variety reasons, has one primary purpose: to provide parents with a simple, yet effective system enabling them to monitor the kinds of programs their children watch.

The TV industry, congressmen and parents alike have all agreed that their main focus with the TV ratings system is the appropriateness, or lack thereof, for children. After last month's Senate subcommittee hearing, it is clear they also agree that it needs to be simple, effective and accurate. The current system constructed by the TV industry informs parents in a manner that meets all these needs.

Critics continue to argue that the ratings are too vague, and insist for entire program summaries, detailing all objectionable material within each program. However, they also insist that the system remain simple and easy for busy parents. The present system does just that.

We must give the system time to work. We simply cannot come to a final decision against it until we have been able to thoroughly observe it at work. Modeled after the film ratings system, TV ratings will gain more public support with time. When the film ratings were first implemented, according to Pew Research Studies, 51 percent of parents surveyed felt that the ratings were somewhat to very helpful. Now, almost 30 years later, an astonishing 80 percent of parents find them helpful. The current approval of the TV ratings is already an overwhelming 79 percent. It will take time for the ratings to become companionable in a parent's mind. It cannot happen in overnight.

Furthermore, television listings in all newspapers must publish the definitions of the ratings. Also, newspapers can aid the system by publishing the ratings for each program. If these were more easily accessed, parents would be able to make more informed decisions.

Critics further argue that the ratings are inconsistent, and that they should be rated by an independent board. Unfortunately, they fail to see its purpose. This ability allows differences between community standards to match the ratings appropriately. It is silly to worry that the programs wil be mislabeled, since the National Association of Broadcasters has established a mechanism to make the rating system more defined.

It makes no sense to bombard parents with unnecessary information, confusing program summaries and excessively detailed categories. The current system is simple, and provides sufficient information for parents to make decisions. In time, inconsistencies will disappear, and the system will prove itself effective.

Don't rate my MTV

New ratings system is too vague too be useful, and only justifies mediocre TV

ZACH VANDERKOOY

There once was a time, in the pleasantly unadorned decade of the 1950's, when television programs didn't need ratings. "Ozzie and Harriet" and "I Love Lucy" delighted audiences with their harmless antics on the black and white screens of America. Common decency and civility were enough to keep all programming within perfectly acceptable parameters.

But those times have changed.

Television producers and writers have sunk into a deep pit of mediocrity, leaving behind programs smattered with unnecessary, objectionable content. To help parents combat this onslaught of unwholesome shows, a TV ratings system was introduced by television industry executives two months ago.

Regardless of the questionable quality of contemporary programs, the fundamental problem with the new system is this: The ratings are too nebulous to be of any use. Over 70 percent of all shows are rated TV-PG, which informs parents that the program "may contain some material that some parents would find unsuitable for younger children..." In a recent Senate committee hearing on TV ratings, Senator John Beaux of Louisiana made an analogy attacking the "may contain" clause. "If you are walking through a Louisiana swamp on a hot summer day with a small child," he said, "and you came across a lake with a small sign that read, 'This lake may contain some alligators or toxic waste,' would you let the child jump in?"

The primary flaw of the current system is that ratings are based solely on age. If there is one thing we can learn from our high school experiences, it is that age is no indication of maturity.

Opponents say that a system based on content, providing three separate ratings for sex, violence, and language, would be too complicated for parents. This argument, however, is nothing more than an excuse for poor parenting. The current system assumes that parents are able to make viewing choices for their own children, with ratings serving as guides in their decisions. Why not, then, provide more extensive information to assist in guiding parents' choices?

The Federal Communications Act of 1996 requires that a new piece of technology known as the V-chip be manufactured into all new television sets by 1998. The intent of the chip is to allow parents to block out programs based on their assigned ratings. However, Tim Collings, inventor of the V-chip and father of three, has voiced dissatisfaction with the obscurity of the ratings, calling them "ludicrous."

While ratings for television are an acceptable idea as potentially objectionable material becomes more frequent, the current system is irrelevant and useless, with inadequate ratings implementation destroying any semblance of credibility. Unless television returns to the civility and good taste of the '50's, a more effective and useful ratings system must be developed.

THE T.V. RATINGS SYSTEM

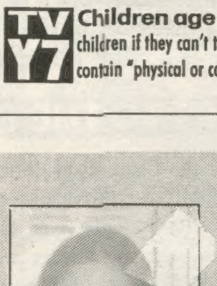
In effect since January 1, this system uses six categories to rate entertainment programs by age suitability. Written and adopted by the TV industry, programs are rated by their networks or distributors.

TV Y	**All children:** Themes, elements designed for very young audiences and should not contain any potentially upsetting material.
TV Y7	**Children age 7 or older:** Program may trouble children if they can't tell between fantasy and reality; may contain "physical or comedic violence."
TV G	**General Audience:** Most parents "would find this program suitable for all ages" It contains little or no violence, sexual content, or strong language.
TV PG	**Parental Guidance Suggested:** Parents may find parts unsuitable for young children. May contain coarse language, suggestive dialogue or limited violence.
TV 14	**Parents strongly cautioned:** Programs in this category "may contain some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14."
TV M	**Mature audience only:** Designed for adults, program may not be suitable for children under 17. May contain explicit sex, violence, or profane language.

source: CNN

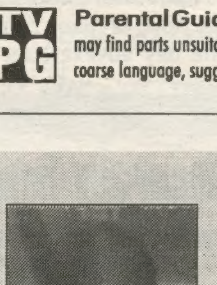
VOICES IN THE HALLS

Are television ratings an effective way to control unsupervised viewing of objectionable programs?



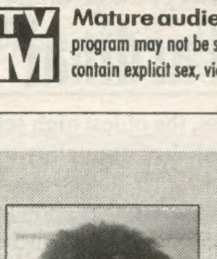
"It's helpful to have a way to regulate and tell parents about the amount of sex, violence, and profanity there is in a show.... It [the system] will be there for the people who use them."

- Teresa Svart, freshman



"I don't think it's a good idea. It all depends on your perception. I find it a little insulting. I don't personally need a (TV ratings) system to tell me what my value system is."

- Larry Dashiell, curriculum vice principal



"First they rate the movies, then the television programs, so what's next? Is it going to take a tragedy to stop this madness?"

- Matt Schwartz, senior

Open Bulletin

Non-chartered organizations are unable to voice to the masses

Pamphlets protesting the possible use of metal detectors at district schools, including Lincoln, were distributed to the student body Monday. Although this was not heavily frowned upon by the administration, it does not wish this method to be used again.

The solution offered was posting any information regarding such student complaints on the open bulletin board next to the ISC office. By contrast, chartered clubs are allowed to post flyers around school and submit notices to the bulletin.

The open bulletin is not an effective tool for voicing any concerns or communicating with the student masses. Firstly, most students do not know this bulletin board even exists. Secondly, a bulletin board in the main hall is only going to gain attention from students looking for something specific. Few students are going to casually acknowledge the bulletin board as they walk by.

There should be a method for non-chartered clubs, students, and organizations to better communicate with the student body as a whole.

With approval from the administration, every group should be given equal opportunity to post signs in highly visible areas as long they do not take precedence over school-sponsored events.

A problem this method poses is regulating any non-approved signs posted around the school taking up valuable wall space. However, having only one staff member as the channel through the administration would increase the likeliness that any non-approved signs would be recognized and taken down.

Allowing non-chartered organizations to easily display information in this manner could help increase awareness and better communication throughout the student population.

The current method prevents many important groups from reaching the audience that they deserve.

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THUMBS UP TO:

- ❖ Private Parts...the movie, you sick freaks!
- ❖ Lauren Thies, KATU Athlete of the Month and State swimming champ: Next stop, Sydney!
- ❖ Polyglot: Hats off to our fellow student publication!
- ❖ ASB Presidential Debate: Finally, something of substance to rely on for voting.

THUMBS DOWN TO:

- ❖ New tables in the cafeteria: Couldn't we use money better than to replace tables in good condition? Say...more teachers?
- ❖ Full block schedule: There's got to be a better way to catch up on lost sleep.

YOU TILT THE THUMB ON:

- ❖ Metal detector pamphlets: If you are going to defy school rules, at least do it well.
- ❖ New bleacher seating: Will it be useful or just another excuse to pick on underclassmen?

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The annual ringing of the bells returns

STACY
Humes-Schulz

It rings about 15 times a day. And every day, when the electronic melody of our school's bell echoes through the hall, we shuffle to and from class, exit and enter orange door frames, and rush in and out of the brick building.

As planning for next year is commencing, the bell schedule we plan our academic day around is being debated. A faculty committee is currently formulating several choices for a staff vote. There are three proposals: a traditional schedule with class daily, a full block schedule with classes alternating days, and a partial block similar to what we're using now.

Before voting, I urge staff and administration to do two things:

First, bring back the conference period that was held at the end of every day until this year, when it was moved to only Thursday afternoons. These times are crucial for student-teacher communication, and necessary for students wanting assistance or needing to make up work.

Second, question the students regarding which schedules they prefer. Although Executive Council members are on the Bell Schedule Committee, the entire student body needs to be able to affect this decision. Talking to students in classes would be sufficient; a student poll or survey similar to the one given to the staff would be best.

Having gone to a middle school with a full block schedule, I know this schedule can undermine daily contact needed in some classes. Ninety minutes of class can get, quite frankly, very boring. After the first week in a less than intriguing class at this middle school, I had counted all the floor tiles, all the little holes in the ceiling, and each beige strip of metal in the venetian blinds. (There were 148, 6,287, and 56, respectively.)

I also attended a semester of high school with a traditional schedule. The shorter class periods were repetitive without enough time for laboratory work or group projects.

After spending over two years at Lincoln, the partial block schedule seems to be the best of both worlds. It allows for the meeting of classes nearly every day, but also offers longer periods for work in science classes. Most importantly, it gives students enough variety to keep them from counting every tile, hole, or metal strip in class.

Ultimately, the schedule will be left to the staff. I only hope it weighs the students' needs as much as their own.

CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

The future of Lincoln: Digital High?

ALEX
Hughes

In an effort to climb aboard the train of mass telecommunication heading into the 21st century, the newly installed computers in many classrooms will soon serve as links to the over-hyped network of digital information. No longer will you have to make the trek to the library or computer lab once access is made available to every class.

With this technological leap, it is the hope of many computer buffs that one day all exercises of daily school operations will be digitized. The bulletin would be posted on Lincoln's internet site rather than being distributed on the district's limited source of paper, teachers would be able to post grades on the school's network making each student's complete record available at the touch of a button, memos would be turned into e-mail, and publications into web pages.

Although it assists greatly in teaching many skills needed to survive in today's work force, will it be abused?

The 33 machines in the computer lab serve as a prime example of why these devices should not be used in a classroom environment. Frequent problems with people installing games and space-wasting programs act more as a deterrent from work rather than a tool of it. With the access now offered in every classroom, I can only see the same mistake being repeated. Plus, the temptation of the internet only adds to the further distraction that these devices pose as.

If students are interested in computers, they should be taking the offered course. The total number of machines in the building would be reduced and the ones remaining could be frequently upgraded, thus, increasing the knowledge of those who will make use of expensive equipment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Accuracy important in criticizing pamphlets

To the Editor:

The distribution of pamphlets this Monday morning regarding the resurgence of concern about metal detectors in schools was effective, but raises questions about what information the author has a responsibility to include.

To give credit where it is due, many of the suggestions offered by the leaflet were responsible and effective. Recommendations like, "Be polite and orderly," "involve your friends," and "Don't try to be a nuisance," are much more constructive than encouragement to react in a disruptive manner.

Unfortunately, many of the statements made in the leaflet were misleading, lacked credible sources, or simply failed to give a source. Many of the questionable statements seem to be based on the author's perception, rather than fact.

For example, the author claims that Lincoln does not have a weapons problem. Talking with other students, however, I found that many people are aware of a student who carried a gun just last year.

These generalizations may be accurate within the scope of the author's experience, but may not be the experiences of most Lincoln students.

Additionally, the pamphlet claims that if you protest by refusing to enter the building, "the worst thing they can get you for is skipping school," neglecting to mention that punishments for skipping school include referrals or minor suspensions. This is not inaccurate, per se but is a failure to include all relevant information.

Lincoln students are thankful for the information we've received through the multitude of leaflets distributed this year, but I hope that effort will be made by these concerned students to provide all relevant information.

-Emily Cordo
junior

BUSINESS MANAGER

Project Can-Can and the end of all world hunger

I hope you left your Beemer in the garage last weekend. I would have if I owned one. Sorry, I drive an ancient Volvo.

DARA *Horenblas*

As we were so eloquently reminded by last Friday' s assembly, there are hungry people in Portland and every year, as devoted students of the Portland Public School system, we band together in collecting thousands of pounds of metal cans, each one filled with a few ounces of some nutrient-free food-like substance.

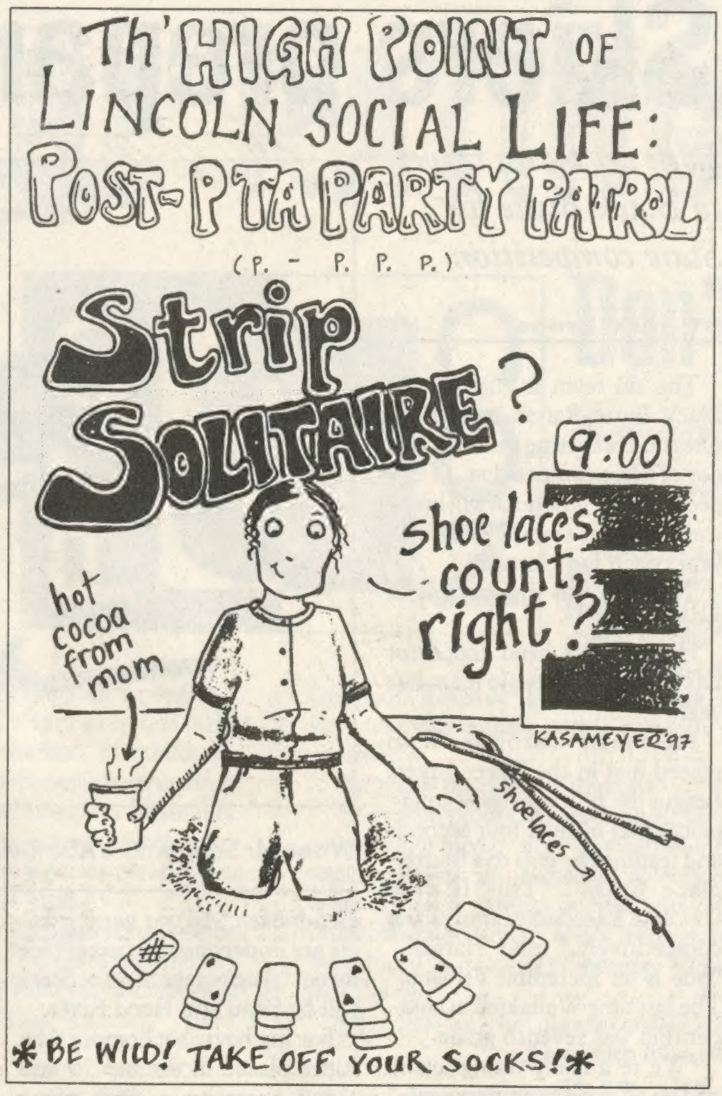
Yes, Canned food, the stuff those of us lucky enough to be able to afford "designer" coffee and bento wouldn' t touch if our lives depended on it.

Or maybe we would. As much as everyone likes to label Lincoln as a school of wealthy West Hills kids, (and yes, for the most part, it is true) there are students here at Lincoln who do benefit from projects like Second Wind.

If for no loftier purpose, like the final end of world hunger, we could at least bring in canned food to help out fellow classmates who might not be getting their daily fill of green beans and corn.

Which leaves me only to ask - where did Project Second Wind get its name? Wouldn' t Project Can-Can be a little more appropriate? At least then we' d have a theme song.

Correspondent Simon Thomas also contributed to this column.



FEATURES WRITER

Are you a slave to the airwaves?

What do you see as the decline of modern civilization? Money? Corruption? Greed? Apathy, perhaps? And what spawns these symptoms of a diseased society?

A large portion of the root of the problem is television. At it's conception, television was hailed by some as a tool of the devil. They may not have been very far from the truth.

Of course, the world wasn' t perfect before 1945 when the U. S. began developing television and broadcasting programs at a furious pace. TV began to show people what they were missing; new cars, designer clothes, and high-class living. This created want which led directly to unhappiness. Midwestern farmers, for example, realized what they were living without and tried to work harder for more money to get the material goods they didn' t need, but wanted. Television accelerated the loss of America's innocence.

MATT *Hickey*

Today TV is a powerful magnet far too easy to succumb to. Perhaps you, too, are familiar with the gentle feeling in your body as your brain begins its process of atrophy while you are settling down for an evening of "Must See TV." Well, that sickening apathy doesn' t sit too well for me.

And how many times have you heard the phrase, "Nothin' good on TV" as an apologetic excuse for engaging in anything even remotely active? Far too much for my taste.

By portraying idealized people and how they act and dress, TV influences society negatively in a subconscious manner. Too many people try to fit those ideals set by the TV, turning America into a nation of clones.

Finally, people today don' t believe they have the time to raise children or care for the elderly. Enter television, the electronic baby sitter. Respect for your elders is propping them in front of the tube? It is essential that children interact with their environment for healthy development to take place. Watching eight to ten hours of television a day gives them a distorted view of life in the real world.

So why don' t you turn it off for awhile and go play outside? It is always too nice of a day to be watching TV.

MANAGING EDITOR

ASB elections: Pick the best; dismiss the rest

Five days full of bad puns and mediocre sign design kicks off today as the campaigns for student body office begin.

BRIAN *Simmonds*

In all, two dozen students will compete for the seven student body offices that will appear on Tuesday's ballot. There are a particularly high number campaigning for president. Along with expected runs from ASB Vice President Jason Franklin and Junior Class President Julia Morrisey, juniors Rachel Berger, Davin Sweeney, and Jake Oken-Berg have thrown their hats in the ring.

Recently, the Executive Council, the body these candidates hope to join, has begun to address controversial school policy issues that profoundly impact student life.

It opposed the Climate Committee's effort to close the halls to lunchtime eating and weighed in on the bell schedule proposals prior to the staff meeting on the issue. And as the administration and faculty begin to make more decisions about next year, I would assume student government would follow suit and continue giving input on such matters.

But barriers are beginning to appear. This week, student government was excluded from the bell schedule committee' s meeting. Additionally, it is unclear how much sway students have with the faculty even when they are allowed to participate. This form of input is new and it remains to be seen whether students can make a significant difference in the final outcomes of these decisions. The added burden of the perennial budget crisis also makes electing competent people to office important.

Community and government leaders look to student body officials as the representatives of Lincoln students. Although student government has done less than it could have to push for school funding, it should become a consistent, powerful base for the funding lobby.

Only strong Executive Council leadership will be able to overcome these obstacles and strengthen the student voice in school policy and budget matters.

▶ **REPORT CARD DAY**

THE TABLES ARE TURNING

The Cardinal Times makes the grades as we rate Lincoln from top to bottom

SUBJECT	COMMENTS	GRADE
DRAMA	*The drama program has produced excellent plays, each with impressive student performances. Some may already be on their way to the Tony awards, but how objective is the casting system?*	**B+**
DANCES	*Stuffy rooms, hackneyed themes, music that never seems to please, mystery punch, and Mr. Bailey doing the YMCA. Sound like fun? That Saturday night television lineup is starting to look awfully good...*	**D**
ACTIVITIES	*Between the successes of chess, Constitution and forensics, the award-winning Polyglot and upstarts like the Pastry Club and its ultimate frisbee league, activities may be the pinnacle of Lincoln genius.*	**A**
ASSEMBLIES	*Although assemblies this year have been improving, the last few have been tedious and overdrawn. It seems that we've been having one every other day. We really like shorter classes, but is there an end in sight?*	**C-**

THE

JOCK STRIP

SWAMI'S CRYSTAL BALL

Just like you carve the turkey for every Thanksgiving supper or break open the first bag of chips on Super Bowl Sunday, it's finally time to review Swami's winter picks in the same highly-anticipated ritualistic tradition.

It appears that Swami will still have a job here at *CT* as his predictions are right on, once again.

Boys basketball

Swami said: Strong performances from senior Ford Montgomery and junior Alex Clay should boost this team above last year's 0-18 record.

Actual outcome: Montgomery and Clay helped the Cardinals' to a 3-19 record and they ended a slow season on a high note with a 12-point win over Marshall. Even Swami Jr. could have seen that.

Girls basketball

Swami said: Although they've lost three starters from last year, the girls should easily capture a PIL title and travel to State

Actual outcome: They finished fourth in the league and made it to the first round of the sub-tournament. Althought the girls suffered a defeat to eighth-ranked Beaverton before reaching the Chiles Center, Swami says close enough.

Wrestling

Swami said: Because of a lack of wrestlers, the Cards will have trouble obtaining enough points to win more than two matches.

Actual outcome: As I predicted, the overall season for the team fell short of success. What I failed to mention were the three individuals who traveled to State. The crystal ball must have been a little hazy that day.

Swimming

Swami said: If Thies swims on this already successful team, the Cards could be top contenders for the State title. For the boys, I predict that they will win the District championship.

Actual outcome: Thies led the Cardinals to second in State, losing to Sheldon by only a half point. The boys won District and traveled to the State championships. Swami knows all.

Skiing

Swami said: It's up to Rieke to take the boys to the top of the league, while the girls will be relying on Thomas and Wentworth in their last season.

Actual outcome: Freshman Caroline Wall slipped past the forseeing eye of Swami as she emerged as the girls' premiere skiier. Rieke has proven himself as tops for the boys as State continues today for both teams. Swami will be on the scene to see if he still has a future in the fortune telling business.

Skiers prepare for State

Both ski teams travel to Black Butte for State competition

BY ADAM LYONS

Mary Rea

Weeee!: Sophomore Abe Rieke competes for Lincoln in the District meet.

The ski team is currently at Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon competing in its second day of State competition. "I expect that the girls team will break the top 10 at state," said first-year coach Ian Harnish.

Thursday was the first day of competition.

Harnish was head coach for Lakeridge's varsity ski team last year.

Freshman Caroline Wall placed first in the Three Rivers League by beating the second-place skier by over four seconds and leading the girls to a fourth-place finish. "This is only Caroline's second year of skiing competitively," said Harnish. "She is an incredible athlete." The last time Wall skied in competition was seventh grade.

"We're a really young team, and we all skied really very well," said sophomore Geoff Hendricks. "All our varsity skiers are underclassmen except for three." Top competitors at State will be Bend and Hood River.

For the boys, sophomore Abe Rieke placed in the top 10 and aided them to a fifth-place finish. He will miss State competition to compete in the PNSA (Pacific Northwest Skiing Association) in the junior Olympics in Alaska.

"We'll be going in with a positive attitude, and hopefully we'll do well and ski our best," said sophomore Adam Goldwyn.

"I can't wait to compete in State, and I think as a team we'll do really well," added junior Josh Goldwyn.

"The nice thing about coaching at Lincoln is that there is a tremendous amount of parental support," said Harnish.

Ultimate Frisbee League hits Lincoln

The student-organized sport gets set to 'throw' off its first season

BY REX PUTERBAUGH

"For too long Ultimate Frisbee has been played by long-haired pansies with no sense of sport," says senior Matt Schwartz. And along with sophomore Liam McGranahan, Schwartz is hoping to harness the untamed talent of the Frisbee players of Lincoln into an organized league.

The Ultimate Frisbee League currently has 10 teams signed up to compete, and is looking to add at least six more in its first year of existence. Each team consists of six players: five starters and one substitute.

"I formed the UFL to give Lincoln Ultimate the same jive-talking, back-slapping flavor of ping-pong, lacrosse, or curling," said Schwartz.

The games will start in two weeks with post-season play at the end of the year to determine the championship team.

The cost to sign up is $12 per team, with the money going towards trophies and an end-of-the-year barbecue for all the league's participants.

"Right now we're working on setting up some games with other Frisbee teams from nearby schools," said Schwartz.

Sponsorship for the league is from the Pastry Club.

THE LOWDOWN

An Ultimate Frisbee league open to anyone with 12 bucks and five friends. The 10 teams are scheduled to begin play in two weeks. Room is still available.

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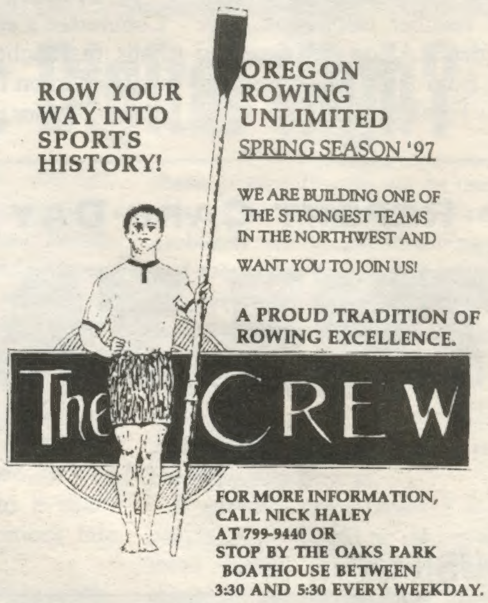

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Winter Wrap-ups

Marcie Epperson

Look at my nose: Senior Gina Pieretti drives against Beaverton.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Varsity

The girls' swim team placed second at the State championship at Mount Hood Community College on Feb 15 with 124 points. Sheldon captured first with by edging out the Cards by a half point.

"In our view we won," said assistant coach John Bogue.

Leading the team were senior Lauren Thies, who won the 200m and 500m freestyle, breaking her own record in the 500m. The 400m relay team of Thies, sophomore Anne Marie Smith, Katie Jurgansen and freshman Lindsay Jenson also won.

Absent from state was junior Lindsay Haffner, who was competing in nationals.

-BY JOE STRECKERT

BOYS SWIMMING

Varsity

The boys' swim team ended its season undefeated in the dual meet season and atop the PIL. Lincoln then went on to the State meet at Mount Hood Community College on Feb 15. The team was led by freshman Luke Ekhoff, and sophomores Nicoli McFallow, Eric Nadel and Ian Martin. Ekhoff took second at state in the 100m breaststroke

"We did great," said assistant coach John Bogue. "It's going to be great next year with these young guys swimming like this."

-BY JAMES NELSON

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Varsity

The Cardinal girls' basketball team ended its chances for an appearance at the Chiles Center for the 4A girls State basketball tournament with a 71-50 loss at Beaverton on Feb. 18. "We were never able to get any momentum going after going down 22-10 (in the first quarter)," said senior Althea Rodgers.

In order for the girls to have made the Chiles Center, they would have needed to beat Beaverton, then win two more games.

Lincoln won its last game of the year against Madison and ended the season with a 13-5 record. The win clinched a fourth-place finish, and a spot against Beaverton in the State sub-tournament.

With two games to go in the season, the Cards were tied with Benson for fourth place. Benson then lost to Jefferson, giving Lincoln a chance to clinch.

Graduating from this year's team are Gina Pieretti, Kendall Beaudry, Althea Rodgers, Sara Barker, and Nicky Peterson.

-BY REX PUTERBAUGH

JV

Led by team point leader sophomore Rachel Trytko, the JV girls' basketball team went 15-3 in league play and 17-4 overall. The Cardinals finished in second place in the PIL behind Grant (17-1), whose only lost came to Lincoln. The team lost 6' 2" sophomore Kara Magee-Arick during the season to injury.

"I thought that losing Kara to ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) surgery would really hurt the team, but the other girls really stepped up," said coach Mark Paul.

The team went 17-1 last year, finishing atop the PIL.

-BY JESSE HALSTED

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Varsity

The varsity boys finished up their season on a positive note with a home win over Marshall on Feb 20 72-60. The win was their third of the year, giving the Cards a final record of 3-15 for the year. "We played hard in every game, but it takes a lot out of you when you end up losing by a buzzer-beater in most of the games," said senior Amon Millner.

One of the highlights of the season was the naming of senior Ford Montgomery to the 2nd team All-PIL. "I really feel like Ford learned a lot this season," said head coach Mitch Whitehurst. "The team showed a great amount of enthusiasm this year and I know we can go to State next year."

-BY JAKE OKEN-BERG

JV

The JV boys' basketball team finished up the season at 5-13 for the year, and sixth place in the PIL. In many ways the JV season reflected that of the varsity team. The majority of their games were lost in the final minutes, and by margins of 10 points or less.

"We had some great talent this year, but our lack of consistency at the end of the game cost us many close ones," said sophomore Jeff Starr.

-BY JAKE OKEN-BERG

Frosh

The freshman boys' basketball team ended its season with an 8-10 record. "We pulled together toward the end of the season, but next year will be much better," said Skylr Chamberlin. Cooperation was the major flaw this season.

"We need more teamwork, then we'll be a better team," said Issac Koach.

Key players were Chamberlin and Jonathan Malsin.

"They've done really well this season," said coach Jerry Dalton.

-BY JAKE OKEN-BERG

WRESTLING

Varsity

The wrestling team did as well as could be expected this year. Ailed by a small squad, the boys ended up losing most meets. "We won most of our matches on the mat, but lost because of forfeits," said senior Toff Williams.

The Cards sent three wrestlers to the State tournament at the Memorial Coliseum on Feb 28 - March 1. Williams competed in the 112 lbs. weight class, senior Warren Stone (172 lbs.), and senior Toby Coghill (185 lbs). Neither of them placed in the top ten in their events.

"We've definately improved, and we're getting much stronger," said junior Lewis Notestine. "Next year I think our team can get fourth in districts."

-BY MARK HWEE

JV

The JV wrestling team ended its season in the district tournament on Feb 21 at Benson.

"We had a good time and I look forward to an equally fun season next year," said junior Chris Wright. With JV wrestlers competing for varsity spots, the team was in flux throughout the year. "Our main weakness was that we had to forfeit matches because we didn't have athletes to compete in the weight classes," commented coach Mike Ives.

-BY LACH LITWER-MOS

Frosh

The freshman wrestling team had its peak competing at the city tournament.

"The freshmen wrestled well and we sent one of them to compete in the district championship," said coach Mike Ives. "We should have several strong sophomores coming back next year."

The team suffered at matches due to being forced to forfeit when there were no athletes to fill weight classes.

-BY LACH LITWER-MOS

FANTASY BASKETBALL

Eighth issue leader

LEADER

Brazo

RUNNER-UP

Bailey

Congratulations to Athletic Director Mark Brazo leading the pack yet again. He'll be at the Blazer game when they host the Bucks in the Rose Garden on April 4.

Staff Contestants

Mark Brazo - 17334
Richard McPartland - 15541
Stephen Runion - 15326
John Bogue - 14927
Josh Pomeroy - 14363
Paul Erickson - 13176
John Fraser - 12465

Top 30 Students

Swami - 17264
Joel Sahli* - 16893
Jules Bailey - 16103
Aaron Green* - 16077
Rex Puterbaugh* - 15562
Todd Merkens - 15343
Joel Fowlks* - 15291
Daniel Lerner - 15221
Chris Ruecker - 15144
Marcie Epperson* - 15142
Ford Montgomery - 15124
David Sachtler - 15090
Matthew Wade - 15073
Meghan McCarthy - 14992
Ben Amster* - 14793
Bill Foote - 14776
Eddie Schauffler - 14757
Jeff Chaney - 14742
Srdan Radanovic - 14727
Chris Braun - 14724
Colin Powell - 14681
Clive Mbanga - 14657
Geoff Hendricks - 14635
Aaron Knott - 14597
Tyke Carkonen - 14531
Jihad Qutub - 14435
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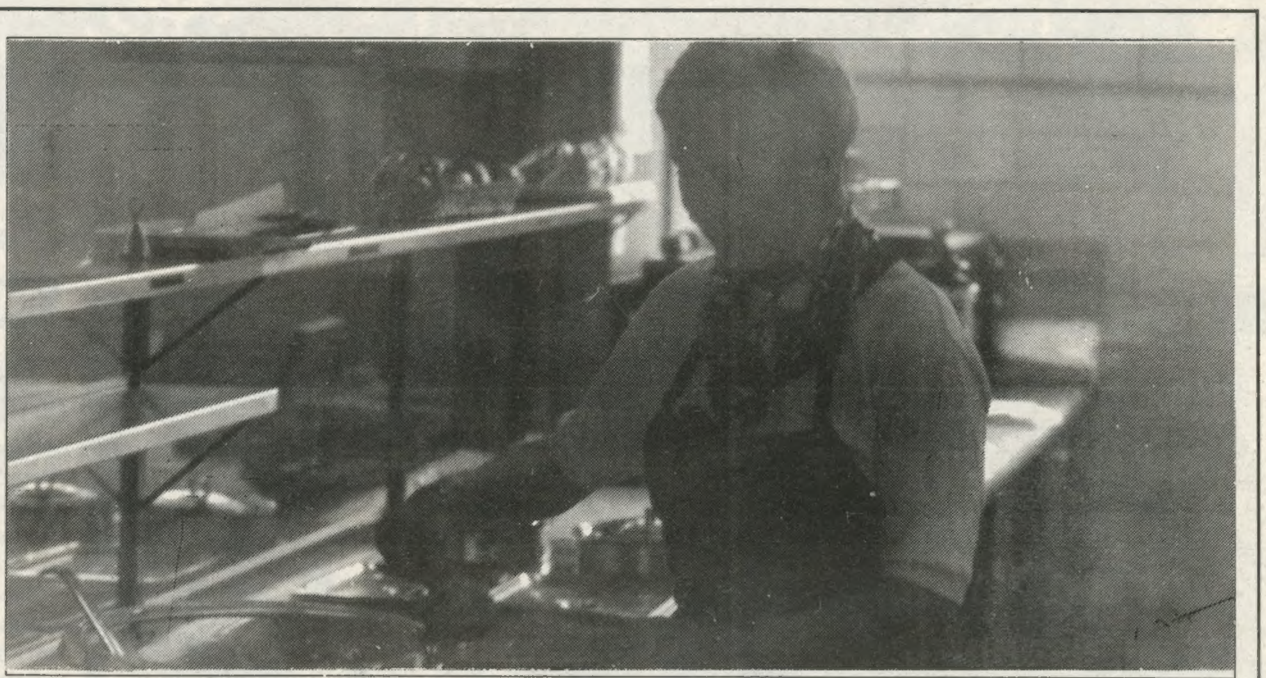
Turning the PAGE

V.P. Sandra Page retires after 30 years in the district, causing an administrative shuffle. We bid farewell and take a look at the new faces in the halls.



Peter McArthur

▲ **Noodles:** Sandra Page serves her special recipe macaroni and cheese to the faculty on her last day.

Sandra Page

Retiring curriculum vice principal

PAGE PLANS

After 30 years in the district, the former VP is off to New York. Page plans to tour the world with her husband who works at the National Council of Churches.

Sandra Page worked in public education for 30 years - nine of those at Lincoln. She has seen many changes take place during that time. "When I came here, the school was underattended. Now we don' t have enough desks," she said.

Her last day as Curriculum Vice Principal was a week ago today, just before she flew to New York to join her husband, where he works at the National Council of Churches. Because her husband' s job entails frequent world travel, she will be accompanying him to Europe and Africa in the coming months.

On her time at Lincoln, Page said that she has been impressed with the student body's level of involvement in the community and activities, calling it "exceptional."

Page also said that she is concerned that funding cuts will adversely affect teachers. "I have seen teachers become overworked and overstressed as class sizes go up," she said.

Does she have regrets about leaving? "One-hundred per cent," she said. "All my friends are here. My family is here. It' s bitter-sweet."

- PETER MCARTHUR

Larry Dashiell

Curriculum VP

Lincoln waved goodbye to Sandra Page at the Spirit Assembly Feb. 28, but said "hello" to Larry Dashiell, her replacement curriculum vice principal. Dashiell is on a temporary contract with Lincoln until June 30.

He has been working in the district for 14 years as a teacher at Franklin, integration specialist, assistant principal at Tubman Middle School, and acting principal at the NE Community School.

"Some of the students really went out of there way to say 'hi'," said Dashiell of his first impression of Lincoln students.

- PERNIILLA NATHAN

Bruce Richards

Schedule Planning

Bruce Richards, temporary vice principal, signed a contract with Lincoln for consultation, and the ultimate planning of the master schedule for the 1997-1998 school year. He will be coordinating the forecasting information in order to develop a system to accommodate class scheduling.

Nine years ago Sandra Page replaced Bruce Richards as currriculum vice principal, and now the roles have switched. Outside of this temporary contract, Richards teaches graduate classes at Lewis and Clark College.

- JESSE MEJIA

▼ **Farewell:** Sandra Page says goodbye at her retirement party last week.

Marcie Epperson

PETER'S PICKS

Late Night AM Radio

The sun has long since set as winter grinds out its dark toll on Lincoln High School students. *Ralph* (not his real name) sits alone in his bedroom, face illuminated by the electric glow of an AM radio set, struggling to find optimal reception. Zero period is fast approaching, but *Ralph* is wide awake, and soaking in the wisdom of his radio psychiatrist.

Ralph is not alone. Each night, thousands if not millions of listeners tune into the shows of Dr. Laura (620 KOTK) and Dr. Joy Brown (750 KXL), in search of answers to the most difficult of questions: how to cope with spousal infidelity, childhood abuse, or the odd job interview. More often than not, listeners are treated with heavy-handed common sense that leaves them reeling on the other end of the phone. A listener named Marco commented, "Well that's a harsh reality, isn' t it?" when told that his fiancé was probably cheating on him. Dr. Laura, responding with her usual tact, said "that's what we serve out here."

Dr. Joy Brown is a bit more accepting. She offers up personal history, helpful advice on giving to charity, and begins each show with a short segment of popular music. Given the choice between these two able hosts, we chose her because none of us wanted to be treated with harsh realities.

If the psychoanalysis is too much to handle, AM radio commercials are pure entertainment. Advertisements for "Zen's Crack Cream" and other low-budget pharmacuetical products abound. Feel free to spin the dial, too, any time the conversation gets a little slow or Dr. Laura says "get to the point!" The spectrum is packed full of delightful organ music, part-time pundits, and it's all interrupted every 30 minutes for network news broadcasts.

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> Ralph *is wide awake, soaking in the wisdom of his radio psychiatrist*

Polyglot awards literary masters

BY AMY JENNARO

Members of the arts and literary magazine Polyglot announced their list of early submission contest winners on Feb. 25.

The winners included seniors Rachel Smith and Katherine Liebman, poetry; junior Christopher Hiller and senior Jennifer Johnson, humor; senior Joanna Cutler, foreign language; and junior Lena Rush-Smith, juniors Emily Britton, Alison Duren-Southerland and senior Demaree Raveaux, visual arts.

"I was really surprised," said Cutler of her win. "A lot of people put in tons of different submissions and that was my only entry."

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- The life-span of an ostrich is approximately 80 years.
- The ostrich DOES NOT bury its head in the sand.

source: Esparza's restaurant

SUPER 7

FACT: After hours of tireless and relentless research, we at Super seven H.Q. have discovered a startling fact. Mr. T's real name in the "A-Team" was not really Mr. T; it was a heinous misnomer! (That's a "false name," for you football fans). The real name of our Mohawk-clad friend (We mean his hair, he was not actually wearing Native Americans) was, in fact, B. A. Baracus! In honor of this timely rediscovery of nomenclature, we offer up the Super Seven...

Things that B.A. might stand for

7	Bachelor of Arts
6	Bad Ass
5	Beautiful Actor
4	Binge Alcoholic
3	Bailey Antithesis
2	Barbara Altowski (maiden name)
1	Booty Assessor

by Matt Schwartz